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MUSICAL CLUBS' TRIP

The schedule for the Easter Trip of the Musical Clubs is practically complete. One or two places have not been finally heard from, but the final itinerary will, no doubt, be as follows: Friday, Norwich; Saturday, Binghamton; Monday, Cortland; Tuesday, Auburn; Wednesday, Corning or Bath; Thursday, Hornell; Friday, Jamestown; Saturday, Westfield; Monday, Batavia—a total of nine concerts.

The personnel of the Clubs, and the program which they will render will undergo little, if any, change from those of former concerts. With the exception of Binghamton, the ground to be covered on this Western trip is absolutely new territory, and for that reason the trip has an added interest. It is in large measure due to the efforts of the Alumni that Manager Krumbholz has been able to secure these dates, and with their cooperation the trip should at least equal the triumphs of former years.

In case the Clubs are unable to make Norwich for the initial concert, there is a possibility of giving the postponed New Hartford concert on that evening. From present indications, the Jamestown concert will prove the most enjoyable. A new theatre will be used on that occasion, and extensive preparations are being made for the entertainment of the men there, as elsewhere. The trip will undoubtedly be productive of great results.

JUNIOR DINNER

On Saturday evening last the Junior Class held a Beefsteak Dinner in the Butterfield Grill-Room. The object of the game was to furnish a better substitute in place of Junior Whist. That function has rather degenerated of late years into a banal morning-after chaos of playing-cards and cigarette-ashes (bestrewn chiefly for the employment of divers rueful Freshmen) and into a poor universal excuse for padding one's list of College honors. The change was hilariously approved by the beefsteak diners in chorus and threatens to establish a precedent for future classes to the detriment of the gentle art of Cavendish & Hoyle.

Dounce, in his capacity as Toastmaster, provided *marrons glacés* for the appreciative company, and called for the following toasts:

The Class, I. A. Hall; The Ladies, J. Murray Hastings, Jr.; The Rubicon, Jerome McNair; The Faculty, C. H. Hall; Other Classes, Harper Swift; The Shark, H. A. Deimel; The Society Junior, R. W. Titus; Athletics, George Abbott; Table Talk, R. O. Burns, and Alma Mater, J. D. Judson.

FRESHMEN VICTORIOUS

Wednesday night the Freshman Basketball Team defeated the Senix, of Utica, by a score of 31-14. The game was rough, and more closely contested than the score indicates. Regin, who scored eight baskets for the Freshmen, played the best game, while Capt. Kleeman did well for the visitors. The first half ended 17-8 in favor of Hamilton.

The line-up:

HAMILTON 1912.		SENIX.
	Right Forward	
D. Root		Busacher
	Left Forward	
C. Root		Duffy
	Centre	
Regin		Kleeman, Capt.
	Right Guard	
Peters		McSweeney
	Left Guard	
Knox, Capt.		Schackle

Field goals, Regin 8, Kleeman 3, Peters 2, Knox, C. Root, D. Root, Busacher, Duffy. Goals from foul, Kleeman 4, Knox 3. Referee, Roenke, Hamilton. Timer, E. H. Jones, Hamilton. Time, 20 and 15 minutes.

ROCHESTER MEET

The Varsity Track Team leave today for Rochester to represent Hamilton in the Rochester University Athletic Games, to be held in the University Gymnasium this evening. Coach I. K. Baxter will accompany the men.

The Hamilton entries follow:

22-yd. dash, Spencer, '09, Knox, '10, Colson, '11, Harper, '10; half-mile run, McLean, '09, Knox, '10, Gaige, '11; shot-put, Baldwin, '10, Donaldson, '12; high jump, Leavenworth, '09, Colson, '11, Bagg, '12; mile run, Abbott, '10, Renwick, '10; 100-yd. dash, Spencer, '09, Roenke, '09, Colson, '11; 220-yd. dash, Harper, '10, Colson, '11, Root, '12; pole vault, Leavenworth, '09, Colson, '11, Donaldson, '12; 220-yd. hurdle, Leavenworth, '09, Harper, '10, Colson, '11; relay team, 450 yds. to each man, Spencer, '09, McLean, '09, Knox, '10, Colson, '11.

N. Y. S. I. A. U.

The Annual March Meeting of the N. Y. S. I. A. U. was held at the offices of Foley, Merrill & Foley, Arcade Bldg., Utica, last Saturday afternoon. Hamilton was represented by Dr. Squires and Ralph Renwick, '10. The following business was transacted: The 1908 Football Pennant was awarded to Rochester University. The Athletic Committee reported that the Intercollegiate Track Meet will be held on May 22nd at Utica Park. The details of the arrangements of the meet are to be completed by Track Manager Renwick. The proposed amendment to Article XI. of the Constitution was adopted: "No student of our College who has represented any other college

in intercollegiate athletics shall participate in any intercollegiate game or contest until he shall have been a student of the institution which he represents at least one continuous college year." Article 8 of the By-laws was amended to read: "An intercollegiate pennant shall be awarded in track athletics . . . provided at least *three* colleges compete in the annual N. Y. S. I. A. U. meet." Article 6 of the By-laws was amended to the effect that "announcements of entries must be made one month previous to the N. Y. S. I. A. U. Track Meet." Steps were taken toward the admission of St. Lawrence University to the Track Meet in May.

JUNIOR CLASS MEETING

At a meeting of the Junior Class, held Monday morning after Chapel, the matter of the exercises connected with the last Wednesday Chapel was discussed. It was decided by the Class to abolish the roughness connected with their own last Chapel exercises. The singing, before the Chapel proper begins, remains.

This is assuredly a step in the right direction. Such actions as have occurred in the memory of the present College generation are beneath the dignity of upperclassmen, to say nothing of the handicap which it gives to the Department. That its abolishment is a good precedent to establish cannot be doubted.

Y. M. C. A. ELECTIONS

Next Wednesday evening at seven o'clock sharp, the annual meeting of the Association will be held in Silliman Hall. The annual reports of Committee Chairmen will be given, an important constitutional question will be decided, and election of officers will follow. All members in good and regular standing are urged to be present.

The meeting tomorrow afternoon will be a song service. Bring your favorite selections, and tell why you like them.

NEW YORK REPUBLICAN CLUB

Tuesday night Dr. Stryker spoke at the dinner of the New York Republican Club in honor of Senator Root, '64. He said in part:

"While I do not pretend to know the contents of any bill which has been prepared or is being prepared for the Legislature, I am tempted to be for it unseen, when I study the faces and biographies of some of those who are most strongly opposed to it.

"The question is whether the people shall run their own parties, or let them be run by self-constituted leaders. I believe in organization, in mechanism, but if I am to touch the tail of Mr. Root's coat, I would say that the things he has spoken of here are means and not ends. I want to count one in the organization, not less than one nor more than one.

"I believe in the right of leadership. I am only arguing against the super-serviceable and self-sent leaders. It is worth while to look into our affairs and see if over-night we have not crossed the frontier of democracy, into democracy.

"If there is anything I value Senator Root for, it is that beyond answering one direct question, he did not turn over his hand to get the Senatorship."

Other distinguished speakers were: Senator Root, '64, ex-Gov. Black and Seth Low, ex-Mayor.

EXAM. SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAR. 19 — A. M. — 1909: Physics, Greek at 10 a.m. 1910: Curran and Hawley, Pr. Ex. 1, and term exam. in Greek, at Ex. Hall; Physics. Greek.

SATURDAY, A. M. — 1909: American History, Phyics Laboratory. 1910: Curran and Hawley, Pr. Ex. II, and term exam. in Latin, at Language Hall. History of England. 1911: French Cl., Ex. Hall. 1912: Elem. French, L. S. P. M.—1909: Latin. 1911: Rhetoric, L. S. 1912: English Composi-

MONDAY, A. M.—1909: Physiology. 1910: Phychology, Biology. 1911: Greek, Biology. 1912: German L. S. P. M. — 1909: Hebrew, Mathematics, Elementary Law. 1910: French. 1911: Application of Trigonometry.

TUESDAY, A. M. — 1909: German, Geology. 1910: German L. S. 1911: Latin. 1912: Rhetoric. P. M.—1909: English Literature. 1910: American History, Chemistry. 1911: Hygiene, Chemistry, L. S.

WEDNESDAY, A. M.—1909: Christian Evidences. 1910: Calculus. 1911: Analytical Geometry. 1912: Mathmatics. P. M. — 1910, German C|., Mineralogy. 1911: German L. S.

THURSDAY, A. M.—1909: History of Philosophy, Spanish. 1910, Spanish. 1911: English Literature. 1912: Latin. P. M.—1910: English Literature.

FRIDAY, MAR. 26. — A. M. — 1909, Pedagogics, Chemistry, Bibliography. 1910: Economics. 1911: History of the English Bible. 1912: The Life of Christ.

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F. K. Briggs, of Utica, makes an offer to Hamilton College men that will enable them to have a Banjo Club. In the nineties Hamilton had a fine Banjo Club, Mr. Briggs has instructed them for several seasons and has had pupils represented on the Club for 12 years.

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—Advertisement.

—Senator Davenport was in Clinton over Sunday.

—The following alumni have been on the Hill during the past week: Love, '83, Colson, '87, Dudley, '95, Owens, '04, Dowling, '04, Jordon, Sisson, '04, Edie, '06, Dunham, '07, Newton and Soper, '08.

—The Sophomore Basketball Team defeated Oneonta High School 34-23 last Saturday. This completes their schedule, of which they won three out of four games. The team will have a theatre-party this afternoon on the proceeds of the season. Anibal was manager.

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WITH THIS ISSUE, the new Board makes its bow to the College and Alumni. Primarily, we want all who are interested in Hamilton to realize that LIFE is published essentially for them, and that any suggestions in regard to its policy or that of the College Body are earnestly solicited, both from the student body and the alumni. This brings out the fact that what any enterprise needs is cooperation on the part of those who are interested in it. Nothing can be successful without this feature. To leave LIFE to the Board alone is to defeat its primary purpose—to furnish an organ in which the College or alumni may print its views, either pro or con, on any particular College policy. The LIFE Board should not consist only of men whose names are printed on its staff, but every Hamilton man should consider himself a member ex-officio. The only result of such cooperation can be the success of the paper during the coming year—the ambition of the new Board.

TODAY THE VARSITY TRACK TEAM meets Rochester University at a Track Meet to be held in that city. The men have been training consistently under the coaching of I. K. Baxter, and the result of the meet should be victory. The College wishes them all success.

THIS ISSUE BEING THE LAST of the term, LIFE has a suggestion for the College which can be carried out during the Spring vacation. There is a problem which is always facing us—that of bringing more men to Hamilton. This can be done by the student body itself. The coming vacation offers the opportunity. Every man in College must know of some intending freshman in his home town or city. See him during vacation. Interest him in Hamilton. Urge him to come and visit us, to see our Alma Mater as it is. The Musical Club trip offers a great chance for men to interest the fellows who will be ready for College next year—and whom they will be sure to meet—in Hamilton. It is up to you—every man in College. It is of no avail to simply wish for a larger Hamilton. Action is necessary. Make an honest effort to bring it about. Do it, and bring back from your vacation the name of another man, who is to help make 1913 the largest ever.

THE COMING VACATION sees the Musical Clubs starting out on their annual trip. The success which they cannot help but gain will be the result of the steady work which every man on the two clubs has done during the year. It has been somewhat laborious, but the harvest of good times is now to be reaped. But aside from the personal enjoyment which the men gain, there is another phase to be considered—the reputation the trips are giving Hamilton. For this the College should be proud of them. LIFE wishes them a most successful and enjoyable trip.

A PLAN HAS BEEN SUGGESTED for the entertainment of sub-freshmen on Inter-Scholastic Day, which, if carried out, will prove more enjoyable, both to the visitors and the crowds themselves . In former years the committee in charge of the day have invited the men of the various high-schools to attend. Their entertainment was provided for by the several crowds, the committee assigning the men to their places of entertainment. Now the plan is this: Let the crowds invite and entertain whom they wish, and thus put the visitors in more congenial surroundings than if no one in particular was looking after them. This could not help but prove more enjoyable to them. Then, too, if each crowd had its own particular guests to entertain, certainly no one who came to see the College could help but enjoy himself. Of course, the entertainment of the men who came with the high-school track teams, or those who have no acquaintances in College, can be provided for by the committee. The principal thing is to give the visitors a good impression of the life here at Hamilton. "How is the best way to do it?" is the most important question. LIFE offers this suggestion to the consideration of the committee in charge of Inter-Scholastic Day.

SPONTANEOUS OUTBURSTS of exuberent good spirits are more or less common on the Hill, and can hardly be looked upon with great disfavor. But, like all else, there are times when said outbursts are distinctly out of place. For instance, while we as a student body suffer but little from the ravages of brain fever, there are times when the "stude," conning the weary page, recklessly watches the meter register his fast-increasing kilowatts of midnight electricity. At such moments of intense concentration, it is surely bad form to speak of the Yama Yama man in tones of thunder, or to attempt to analyse the difficulty with one's organs of vision, while gaily ascending the stairs. If we desire to read an increasing number of "high honors" in the "Register of the College," we suggest that some few of us obtain practice in humming, wear nothing but gymnasium slippers, and do not needlessly expose our voices to

the detrimental atmosphere of our College dormitories.

MOTE AND BEAM IV.

Spotlight has been reflecting of late upon the arrangement of the 1904 Class Tennis Courts, which were not worn and rolled into anything approaching a proper condition at the end of their first season, altho serviceable very late last Spring. The reason for this neglect was not lack of demand — witness the waiting-lists about the older courts on every pleasant afternoon—nor was there undue fastidiousness among the eager novices to make them idle away many a golden hour, racket in hand, waiting for a turn at the better surface—but rather that unfortunate arrangement of our solar system which renders terrestial tennis-courts running East-and-West unplayable except at night, or in the sweltering and repleted zenith hour, when the sun is close to noon. Any tennis enthusiast knows the impossibility of a good service or good overhand strokes when the sun is in the player's eyes. To prevent such a condition, all tennis-courts are arranged with the net running East-and-West—a sufficiently well-known principle, and one which must be apparent to anybody who gives the matter a moment's thought. Now, it is impossible, in this latitude, to secure a tennis-court properly lighted thruout the day; the noonday sun, always well to the South, makes the North end of our *old* tennis-courts barely playable between eleven a. m. and three p. m., but the low sun of the morning and the later afternoon make the *new* courts outside the hours mentioned, making them entirely impossible except on overcast days. It happens that classes, heat, and the hygienic abstinence from violent action immediately after lunch, deprive most of us of tennis during the only portion of the day when the new courts are tenable, and that is why the new courts were not worn smooth last Spring, and *why they will never be worn smooth* until the clay area is extended sufficiently Southward to admit of re-laying the courts in proper fashion, and the backstops are moved accordingly. Spotlight cannot believe that consideration for the mediocre little pine-tree beyond the courts prevented this arrangement in the first place, since of late years forest-conservation has not greatly influenced the disposition of ground on the Campus.

The short of this long is that 1904's splendid gift to the College, amounting in cost to some two or three hundred dollars, lies practically useless because of its arrangement, and Spotlight pledges himself to shine in the eyes of all concerned until the error is rectified. He hopes that at least one Alumuns of the donor-class may chance to read this comment, and thereby to investigate the matter for himself. —*Spotlight.*

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HILL NOTES.

—The Indoor Relay Team will not be awarded H's.

—Professor Sicard was in Schenectady last Saturday.

—Freshman prize essays are due the first day of next term.

—Leavenworth, '10, expects to enter College with his class next Fall.

—Seniors should order caps and gowns from Thomas before March 20th.

—Last Tuesday evening at Saranac Lake occurred the death of Spencer Pratt, '04.

—The Chi Psi members recently entertained the D. T. Club at the Chi Psi Lodge.

—H. P. Osborn, '09, entertained the Buttinski at the D. K. E. House Tuesday night.

—A new schedule of Glee Club fines has been posted as a necessity for the coming trip.

—Pratt, '12, has left College for a time on account of the death of his brother, Spencer Pratt, '04.

—Freshman prayer-meeting was held Thursday night under the leadership of C. B. Thompson.

—Glee Club practice next week will be Monday at 7 p. m., Tuesday at 5 p. m., and Wednesday at 7 p. m.

—Knox and Baldwin, '10, were away a few days this week, when they attended festivities at Smith College.

—Prof. Wood has obtained a fifteen-months' leave of absence, and contemplates making a tour of the world.

—Getman, '11, entertained the Sophomore Basketball Team at dinner at his home in Oneonta last Saturday evening.

—There is a true story of life at Hamilton, by Samuel Hopkins Adams, '91, in the American Magazine for March.

—Coach Pryor has written asking the Football Management to change the Syracuse game from October 23rd to September 25th.

—The Gym. work for the year will be completed this week, and "Uncle John" will leave for his home in Washington, D. C.

—The Intercollegiate Meet of the N. Y. S. I. A. U., to be held in Utica May 22nd, will be under the auspices of Hamilton College.

—Senator Davenport introduced into the Senate last week a bill to raise the fine on railroads for violating the semi-monthly payment law.

—The work of the Press Club is apparent in the pictures of the Relay Team and of Coach Mantell which have appeared in the Saturday Globe recently.

—The installation of a mail-box in South would be an innovation greatly appreciated by those who room in the building. On the surface, there seems to be no valid reason why this resquest should not be granted.

—During track practice last Saturday, Wenigmann, '12, fell and sprained his ankle. The accident will keep him out of the indoor work. McLean, '09, will take his place on the Relay Team.

—The Senior Executive Committee met for the first time Monday morning. It consists of H. P. Osborn, Chairman, Bryant, McLean, H. C. Evans, Leavenworth, Doherty, Blodgett and Thomas. This committee will also have charge of the Senior Ball. The following sub-committees were appointed: Presentation, Blodgett, Chairman, Leavenworth, Thomas, Doherty; Banquet, Thomas, Chairman, Evans, McLean, Bryant; Caps and Gowns, Thomas.

LIFE ELECTIONS

At a meeting of the LIFE Board, Thursday afternoon, H. C. Bates and J. D. Hopkins, of the Freshman Class, were elected to the Board. A competition has been held thruout the year, and these men have proved themselves the most efficient, both in the quantity and quality of their work. The competition will be continued during Spring Term, and two more men elected at the beginning of next year. The men who remain in the competition are almost equal in standing. The remaining two places on the reportorial staff are for the men who make good. J. H. Parry, '11, was appointed Local Editor for the coming year.

BOWLING

The Individual Bowling Tournament began this week, and has brought out keen competition. About forty members of the Club are entered in the tournament, of whom twenty have played their first round of three games. Blodgett and Gouge hold the high score so far, each with a total of 513 for the three games.

The following are the rules of the tournament:

Each round will consist of three match games. The matched contestants except in the semi-finals and finals, need not roll at the same time. The Manager must be notified at the beginning of the games that they are rolled for tournament score.

The holder of the high score for the first three match games will play the winner of the tournament proper for the championship of the College.

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